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Steven Dow, President  
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Re: KEIN(AM), Great Falls, MT  
Facility Identification Number: 56664  
Munson Radio Inc.  
Special Temporary Authorization

Dear Mr. Dow:

This is in reference to the request filed April 25, 2014, on behalf of Munson Radio Inc. ("MRI"). MRI requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KEIN(AM) with emergency antenna facilities pursuant to Section 73.1680.<sup>1</sup> In support of its request, MRI states that the station has temporarily lost use of its licensed transmitter site due to a combination of storm damage and consequent legal action taken by the land owner. Therefore, MRI requests STA to operate with emergency antenna facilities from a site located 8.3 kilometers from the licensed transmitter site. It is proposed to operate with 43.5 meters of wire suspended from and insulated from the top of an existing grounded 44 meter guyed tower and stretching to the center of the roof of the adjacent KEIN(AM) studio building. MRI proposes to operate the station with a daytime and nighttime power of 1 kilowatt.

Section 73.1680 of the Commission's rules provide for operation with emergency antenna facilities following damage to authorized antenna systems, provided that an informal request for continued use of an emergency antenna is filled with the Commission within 24 hours. In particular, Section 73.1680(b)(1) provides that AM stations using an emergency nondirectional antenna in lieu of authorized directional facilities shall operate with power reduced to 25 percent or less of the nominal license power, or a higher power, not exceeding licensed power, while insuring that the radiated field strength does not exceed that authorized in any given azimuth.

Accordingly, the request for STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station KEIN(AM) may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates:	47° 32' 09" N, 111° 16' 49" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency:	1310 kHz
Hours of operation:	Unlimited
Operating power:	Not to exceed 1 kW daytime, 1 kW nighttime
Antenna:	43.5 m Vertical wire
Radiator height	69°

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<sup>1</sup> KEIN(AM) is licensed for operation on 1310 kHz with a daytime power of 5 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 1 kilowatt, employing a nondirectional antenna pattern (ND2-U).

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are received. MRI must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **November 11, 2014**.


**STA Advisory:** Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice the public interest." However, Section 309(f) is not a means by which a licensee/permittee may circumvent established processing procedures which require the filing of an application, nor is it a means by which a broadcaster may enhance his facility or make operation more convenient for the broadcaster. Stations operating with less than licensed facilities under temporary authorities can be viewed as receiving the benefit of a larger protection area than that in which they are currently providing service.

Accordingly, Special Temporary Authorities by nature are to be temporary and are not intended for extended use. Licensees of stations operating under temporary authorities are reminded that timely restoration of permanent facilities is the responsibility of the licensee and should be undertaken expeditiously. Any request for extension of special temporary authorities carries an increased burden with each subsequent request.

Therefore, requests for extension of STA will be granted only where the licensee can show that one or more of the following criteria have been met:

- Restoration of licensed facilities is complete and testing is underway;
- Substantial progress has been made during the most recent STA period toward restoration of licensed operation; or
- No progress has been made during the most recent STA period for reasons clearly beyond the licensee's control, and the licensee has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem.

Sincerely,

  
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cc: Munson Radio Inc.